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RAILWAY PACKAGE TOURS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway package tours currently under operation;

(b) whether the Railways have any plan to launch more such package tours for various places in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the proposals in this regard have also been received from various State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The Ministry of Railways runs luxury tourist trains viz. Palace on Wheels and the Heritage on Wheels in the Rajasthan Sector and the Deccan Odyssey in Maharashtra Sector; steam safari train − the Fairy Queen on Delhi − Alwar Sector. Besides the above, it also runs the Bharat Darshan trains, which takes the tourists to various important tourist destinations across the country. The Railways also provide berths on regular trains on demand by Tour Operators for tour packages in different circuits across the country.

(b) to (e): The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Punjab have proposed to launch luxury tourist trains. The luxury tourist train of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh proposes to cover Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry and the Luxury Tourist Train of the Punjab Government proposes to cover Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. The operational feasibility of the above proposals has not been determined.